

Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division
Status Update: June 11, 2008 at 8 a.m.

State Resources

The MSP Special Operations Division, Aviation Unit conducted a damage assessment flight this afternoon with a City of Lansing police officer. The flight assessed Eaton and Clinton counties, City of Lansing, and Delta Township.

The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) has not been activated as of this time but state officials continue to closely monitor the situation and offer any assistance they can to meet situational needs. The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth (MDLEG) / Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) is monitoring the storm-related power outages in the affected areas and maintaining management contact with the involved power companies. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is assessing storm-related damage / impacts to state roadways and related transportation infrastructure and clearing debris and making repairs where required. Other state agencies are also conducting incident assessments to determine the impact.

The MSP/EMHSD will continue to monitor the situation and coordinate recovery and public information activities. The MSP/EMHSD will also work with the Governor's Office and involved state agencies to review and evaluate requests for state assistance submitted by the affected local jurisdictions on a case-by-case basis.

Power Outages (update 2:30 p.m.)

Consumers Energy: Approximately 46,000 Consumers Energy electric customers are without service due to the three separate thunderstorms that have moved across the state since Friday afternoon. Since that time, more than 320,000 customers have been affected by weather-related outages. The majority of customers without power are expected to be restored on Wednesday. Customers in the hardest hit and rural areas, including Flint, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Owosso and Saginaw, may not receive electric service until Thursday.

Detroit Edison: Total for the storm system: 350,000. Current as of Monday PM: 195,000. 150 additional linemen from Ohio, Illinois, and Indiana have been called in to assist and there may be calls for more. Detroit Edison expects to have 90% of the outages restored by late Thursday, with restoration continuing through the weekend. More than 1,200 downed wires have been reported. Restoration Progress -- 155,000 customers have been restored already and restoration work will continue through the end of the week.

Local Declarations

Eaton County (June 8)
City of Lansing (June 8)
Ottawa County (June 9)
Delta Township (June 9)

Request for Governor's Declaration

Delta Township (June 9)

- No request for state resources.

City of Lansing (June 10)

- The MSP/EMHSD is currently reviewing requests from the City of Lansing and is assessing the availability of the requested resources.

Storm Related Fatalities

There are six confirmed fatalities resulting from the severe weather on June 6-8, 2008. Three fatalities in Ottawa County, two fatalities in Allegan County, and one fatality in Delta Township (Eaton County). There are two fatalities confirmed in Argentine Township (Genesee County) on June 9 as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning from a generator located in the home used during an electricity outage.

Tornado Confirmed

The National Weather Service (NWS) confirmed an EF-1 tornado moved through Mid-Michigan during the afternoon of June 8, 2008 generating strong winds through parts of Eaton County and the Lansing area. The damage along the path was consistent with EF-1 damage. Maximum winds were estimated at 86 miles per hour (mph).